

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 409

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Marcus Fielder on being named the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department 2009 Fireman of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, John Marcus Fielder has courageously served as a firefighter with the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department for four years; he was recently named as the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department 2009 Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, born August 6, 1949, to John and Elsie Fielder, Marc Fielder graduated from Glenclyff High School and later attended Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fielder rendered sterling service to his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, his military service completed, Mr. Fielder began his career in construction and he eventually became a partner with Charter Construction Company, from which he retired at the age of fifty-five; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Mr. Fielder took a position as the Manager of a grading company, in which he remained for two years; and

WHEREAS, when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Mr. Fielder and his wife, Rebecca, worked with other members of the Jenkins Cumberland Presbyterian Church to

collect supplies for storm victims; during this effort, Mr. Fielder was introduced to Chief Presley Hughes by their mutual acquaintance Larry Guin; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes recruited Mr. Fielder for the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department immediately, and Marc Fielder has been an active participant in the Department ever since; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fielder is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with wife of over twenty-six years; together the two have a daughter, Jenna Lyn, who was born December 24, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Marc Fielder epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Fielder for his dedication to the people of Nolensville and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate John Marcus Fielder on being named the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department 2009 Fireman of the Year, commend his dedicated service to the citizens of Nolensville, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.